

Studying abroad fills requirement

by Susan Erler

Imagine fulfilling a science requirement by doing a survey study of the English moors -- or completing a foreign language requirement in one of Europe's cosmopolitan cities like Strasbourg, France; Madrid, Spain; or Hamburg, West Germany.

These fantasies are not out of reach for Purdue University Calumet students. Just ask Ray Martinez, who recently returned from a semester of study in Plymouth, England, or Laura Scherry, who will be leaving this summer for a year of study in Hamburg, West Germany.

Martinez, a senior at PUC, was able to attend the Plymouth Polytechnic in England for the fall 1988 semester through the Study Abroad Program directed by Dr. Michael Stohl at Purdue University in Lafayette.

He applied to the program early in the fall of 1987 and was contacted in November for an interview. "It's almost like a job interview," Martinez explained.

"They're interested in your reasons for wanting to go." As an English teaching major, one of his goals was to absorb as much of the English culture and tradition as possible.

"They also want to be sure that you will be able to assimilate easily into another culture. It helps if you are outgoing," he added.

Seeking funding is the next step in the process for a student accepted into the program. Martinez' \$3800 tuition and room and board fee was fully funded through scholarship and financial aid backing. For personal expenses though, he was on his own.

And, he advises students going abroad to be prepared for the change in the dollar value throughout Europe. "It's the number one thing to be aware of," he said.

The American dollar buys much less in England than it does here. The rate of exchange is about \$1.85 to one English pound. Martinez described paying four pounds (or \$7.60) for a Chicago-style pizza about four inches in diameter.

Traveling light -- not taking too many suitcases -- is also advisable, he said.

"Most important of all, don't be afraid to talk to people." Martinez came home with 4½ pages of names and addresses of friends and acquaintances he met while at the Polytechnic.

While he was unable to get the English Literature courses he had hoped to take, he found that the politics, biology, and geography courses he did take are all credits that will transfer to PUC.

In addition, he learned a great deal about British-style teaching techniques that will help him as an English teacher. "They apply a more hands-on approach," he explained. "For instance, there were a large number of field trips in the geography class, (including the survey study of the moors.)"

Grades are evaluated using a percentage system, a practice which Martinez believes results in a less competitive attitude. "There are no A's to shoot for so you just

do your best. With competition not nearly as intense," he said, "kids are much more laid-back in their studies, much more relaxed."

Spending the fall semester in England meant that Martinez could not be with his family for Christmas. Still, he said, his Christmas in England was a memorable one, made even more so by the tragic plane crash in nearby Lockerbie, Scotland on December 22. When word got out that many exchange students returning to the U.S. were among the passengers, he was deluged with phone calls from concerned family and friends. It is one night he said he will never forget.

Deadline draws near

by Sherri Pietrzak

Applications for Talent Awards for the 1989-90 academic year must be turned in to the Office of Admissions (G-178) by March 1.

Award applications are available at the Information Center, the Office of Admissions and the Office of Financial Aid (G-178).

Over 40 awards are available, based on merit and not need, ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. Award money is credited on the student's fall fee statement.

Eligibility criteria including G.P.A. requirement, semester classification and major differs for each award. Minimum G.P.A. varies from 4.0 to 5.75.

Because there are more applicants than awards, the Talent Award Selection Committee chooses the award recipients according to requirements set up by award donors. The committee also selects alternates for each award in case the winner for some reason cannot return to school.

According to John Fruth, director of admissions and financial aid, if more than one candidate meets eligibility criteria, the award goes to the student with the highest G.P.A. If none of the applicants meet eligibility requirements for an award, that award is not bestowed.

Award alternates are announced around April 1 and are honored at a Talent Award Luncheon in September. One-third of the awards are set aside for entering freshmen with the remaining two-thirds going to continuing students.

The Selection Committee consists of voting members Jerry Wermuth, executive assistant to the chancellor, and committee chairman Fruth and ex-officio members Ray Jordan, director of university development, and Robert Bopp, associate director of admissions and financial aid.



Betty Butler, R.N., checked the pressure readings of students as they donated blood. PUC student Karl Breitweiser seemed relaxed as he participated in the American Red Cross blood drive which was sponsored by Phi Sigma Kappa. Photo by Joe Purcell.

Student government to change nomination procedure

by Andy Wright

Student Government Association recently voted on a proposal to change the mechanism to fill senate vacancies. The vote on the amendment was in violation of the SGA Constitution and By-laws.

The by-laws state, "Two-thirds of the voting members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum." The Senate is composed of twelve members; The president, the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretary, and eight at-large senators.

Eight senate members are needed to have a quorum. Only seven, including President Rich Bolanowski, attended the Jan. 25 meeting.

Bolanowski said he would check the Constitution and by-laws to see if parliamentary procedure had been violated.

The proposed change calls for the SGA president to nominate the candidate from the previous spring election. Each senator is allowed to nominate one candidate from the student body.

The senators will vote on the candidates to fill the vacancy. The candidate with the majority vote total will become the new senator.

Previously the candidate from the previous spring election election with the highest vote total became the new senator. Senators discussed the change last semester

because of concern over the fairness of automatically appointing someone from the previous election.

The senate is currently operating one senator short due to the graduation of

David Krawczenia. The candidate from the election last April with the highest vote total is Gary Winiacki.

A decision on the new senator was to be made at the next SGA meeting.

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Brown Bag Forum

Approaches to raising children will be discussed at a Brown Bag Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Founders Study. Betty Davis, Associate Professor of Human Services, will present her lecture entitled "Eight Ways to Destroy Your Child."

Success Goals Course

Helping small business owners and managers achieve goals successfully is the focus of a "short course" offered by PUC's Institute for Continuing Education.

The course, "Small Business Management -- The Basics and Beyond," will be offered in two sessions on campus. The first session begins Feb. 14 and continues through four Tuesdays and four Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The second session begins March 28 and continues through four Tuesdays and four Thursdays from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Purdue Calumet's Institute for Continuing Education at 989-2229.

Marketing Week at PUC

PUMA will be sponsoring Marketing Week from Feb. 12 through Feb. 19. The national theme for the week is "Celebrate Marketing...It Makes a Good Life Better: The Source of Innovation." Free popcorn and pop will be given to PUC students at noon on Monday, Feb. 13 in the C building concourse.

There are still openings for the Spring Break Daytona trip sponsored by PUMA.

Women To Women

Student support services will be discussed in the next Women To Women meeting on Monday, Feb. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in C-327. Sue Panther will be the speaker.

Song Co. Needs Talent

The Purdue Song Company is looking for a drummer and a bass player. Interested individuals must be able to read music and attend rehearsals on Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Judy Leslie at 989-2627 or Danny Lackey at 989-2728.

BSU Penny Jar Contest

The Baptist Student Union will be sponsoring a fundraiser for missionaries in a summer program. Two jars will be placed in C-325, one labeled for ladies and one for gentlemen.

Pennies will be worth one point in the jar they are found in, while silver will count against the team's jar it is found in. Nickels will count for negative two points, dimes for negative four points, quarters for negative ten points, half dollars for negative 20 points, and silver dollars for negative 100 points.

Chronicle sponsors photo contest

by Barbara Crawford

The thrill of college life is upon us again as we face another semester of textbook reading, writing research papers, taking "fun" exams, and doing whatever other thrilling assignments our innovative professors can dream up for us at Purdue University Calumet.

In an effort to ease your homework blues, it's now time for the photo contest I promised you in the Dec. 9 column. Put down your textbooks, grab your camera, and get ready for some fun.

The categories and prizes are:

1. PETS: prize of 3 rolls any size film processing.
2. ACTION/SPORTS: prize of an 8x10 photo enlargement.
3. CHILDREN: prize of an 11x14 photo enlargement.
4. GENERAL (Black & White): prize of a 16x20 photo enlargement.
5. SCENERY: prize of a 20x28 photo enlargement.
6. ON THE PUC CAMPUS: prize of \$25 cash.
7. BEST OVERALL OF ALL CATEGORIES: prize of a \$220 retail value HV3 Quartz Location Two-Light System Kit (with lights and stands included).

Prizes of all film processing and photo enlargements are compliments of Porter's 1-Hour Photo in Highland. The \$25 cash Prize has been donated by The Purdue Chronicle. The two-light system kit is compliments of the Smith-Victor Corporation in Griffith.

The contest rules are as follows:

1. You must be a PUC student enrolled for the Spring 1989 semester.
2. Photos must have been taken by a student after the beginning of the fall 1988 semester.
3. Photos must be larger than 5x7.
4. All photos become the property of The Purdue Chronicle and will not be returned. The Chronicle is authorized to use your photo in any future issues of the paper.
5. All photos must be submitted with the student's name on the back of the photo and a note attached with the following information: your name, address, phone, PUC ID number, category entered, location where the photo was taken, and the full names of all people in the picture.
6. Place your entry in an envelope and write "Photo Contest -- Attn: P.R. Director."
7. All entries are due in The Chronicle office (E-217) no later than 4

p.m. on Friday, March 10.

8. You may enter as many photos per category as you wish. You may also enter more than one category; however, each photo submitted may only be judged in one category.

9. This contest is void to all Chronicle staff and PUC faculty, administration, and staff.

10. Judging will take place between the entry deadline and March 14 by PUC faculty members Thomas Roach and Joseph Swisher.

11. Judging will be based on originality, news value or human interest, appropriateness in the category entered, and the clarity/sharpness quality.

12. Winners will be contacted by phone or mail, and the March 27 Chronicle issue will announce all winners.

I'd like to give a special thanks to the Smith-Victor Corporation, Porter's 1-Hour Photo, and The Chronicle for their generous donations of the contest prizes.

Now that you know all the specifics of the contest, go out and start shooting your camera. With all of the talent we have at PUC, I'm expecting to get buried under by all of the entries. I've cleaned off my desk and am ready to fill it with photos. So, come on and give me your best shot.

Toilet paper chase raises cash for Arthritis fund

by Andrew Wright

The goal is to unroll single ply toilet paper through an obstacle course with a flimsy yardstick as fast as possible. Participants include the mayors of Hammond, Gary, and East Chicago.

The event is the "Second Annual Great Paper Chase," a fund-raising event for the Arthritis Foundation. It will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Southlake Mall center court.

Purdue University Calumet Construction Organization has designed the course for the event.

Mayor Thomas McDermott of Hammond has challenged Mayors Robert Pastrick of East Chicago, and Thomas Barnes of Gary. Lake Station Mayor Carl Miller has challenged Mayors Margaret Kuchta of Hobart and Sammie Maletta of Portage.

"The Construction Organization was asked to design and layout the course. The design is set up like an obstacle/minature golf course," said Gregory, the advisor for the organization.

The event is designed so participants make challenges and race each other through the course.

Chairman of the paper chase, Wilbur Cox, said that as a graduate of Indiana University Northwest, he would like to challenge the PUC campus to participate and beat his time. At the paper chase last year Cox had the second best time.

Cox is also the Director of the Lake County Plan Commission.

Gregory said he would like to see faculty, staff, and students participate in the event. "Money is raised through pledges and goes to the Arthritis Foundation," Gregory said.

"Anybody is welcome to participate," said Cox.

Grade appeals are decided on students' presentations

by Michelle Brzycki

An above average number of Purdue Calumet students appealed their grades last semester. Grade appeals are decided on how well a student presents his case.

"A student should obtain the rules for appealing a grade. Knowing the rules benefits a student in preparing the case to the Grade Appeals Panel. A student must prove that he has been treated unfairly," said Alan Spector, Chair of the Grade Appeals Committee.

Spector said that unfairness has four bases.

First, unfairness is based on a mechanical error recorded by a professor. A student can usually take care of this by speaking with the professor and an appeal is not necessary.

Second, unfairness is based on a professor asking a student to do something unethical in violation against Indiana state rules or PUC rules. "This type of unfairness does not happen much," said Spector.

Third, unfairness is based on a professor being biased against a student in class. A student must prove that he had been treated unfairly.

Fourth, unfairness is based on a professor deviating significantly from the syllabus. For example, a professor follows the syllabus consistently but changes it towards the end of the semester by adding another paper. If a student did not do the work and received a low grade as a result, then that student can appeal the grade.

"Not enough students appeal their grades. There are specific rules to appeal a grade, in most cases a student does not know these rules and is not prepared in presenting his case," said Spector.

Linda Reynolds, a student member of

the Grade Appeals Committee said "It's not very difficult to appeal a grade and from what I've seen, it's a pretty fair process."

Spector is speaking for the LAS department only. He advises students to contact him or the department dean of a student's major to appeal a grade.

"Many students could probably appeal because many professors violate Univer-

sity procedures." He says most students that appeal, appeal for the wrong reasons.

"A student has to prove he received a low grade for unfairness, not that the professor was a hard teacher or that the student disliked the professor. Also, students should stay on the main points of the appeal and not get side tracked during the case," Spector says. A grade appeal is not meant to try a professor.

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Club Connections

Public Relations Club

The newly elected officers of The Public Relations Club are: President, Barbara Crawford; Vice-President, Gina Panczuk; Secretary, Barbara Lickfelt; and Treasurer, Donna Stuckert.

The PR club will be working at the Phone-A-Thon on Thursday, Feb. 16 for the Communication Department. We are looking for more volunteers, so if you are able to donate your time, please leave a message with the Student Activities office (989-2369) or in the PR club mail slot in room C-324J.

Barry's review: Wilde isn't really wild

by Barry E. Dungy

Last week I went to my favorite record store to see what new releases were in, and I ran across Kim Wilde's latest lp "Close." For those of you who have never heard of Wilde, she had a huge Top 40 smash back in 1984 with a great song called "Kids In America." She's from the same school of young, attractive, blonde songbirds who crank out dance tunes, like Madonna, Stacey Q., and E.G. Daily.

Unfortunately Wilde has never been able to match the success of "Kids In

America," and this album is no exception! Wilde is a singer of exceptional talents, but that is not the problem with "Close." The main flaws on this record are the production and lyrical content.

The premier single "You Came" is the only bright spot on this rather dreary record. It's out-and-out Munich styled Eurodisco to the hilt. The song builds up to a dramatic climax, and the lyrics are upbeat and cheerful. This is Wilde at her very best.

Too bad the rest of this record doesn't hold up as well as "You Came." The other

nine songs on this record drag along at such a slow pace I felt like I was watching a snail race. The synthesizer programming sounded like it was lifted right out of one of Giorgio Moroder's film scores.

The lack of musical originality is not the only flaw on this album. The lyrics are just plain depressing, the main topic of discussion is heartbreak and heartache. Songs like "Never Trust a Stranger" and "Hey Mister Heartache" clearly drive a stake through anyone's heart.

Rating: ☆ ☆ (2) stars!

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Debates raise issue awareness

In the last issue of the *Purdue Chronicle*, we printed a story about the upcoming debate in March for SGA senators and officers. Before the debates take place, the student body should be aware of some of the issues affecting students.

In every election in the country, knowledge of the issues helps both the candidates and their constituents. Some students just don't know what the SGA does or can do to help students. Debates give the voter an idea of where the candidates stand on the issues.

Most governmental bodies have constraints that slow them from making changes. Red tape makes some people forget about or diminish the importance of issues. There isn't enough feedback and exposure to the students concerning SGA operations.

Readers' Views

Pro-choice side overlooked

To The Editor:

I realize the issue of abortion is so vast and controversial that one would have to be totally desensitized not to argue it on an emotional level. Yet there are ways of dealing and discussing it that do not offend proponents of either side and take into consideration an often overlooked side -- pro-choice.

The view expressed in the Jan. 27 issue of the *Chronicle* was, besides being unfair, erroneous in fact and structure.

Abortion is not a "horrendous social problem," UNWANTED PREGNANCIES ARE! Teaching children about contraceptives is preventive medicine, it is not condoning sexual activity. If you learn how to fix a tire, do you go out and run over a nail? No, but it is reassuring that you have the ability to repair it.

Abortion complexity missed

To The Editor:

The abortion issue is not as simple as the letter to the editor in the Jan. 27 edition of the *Chronicle* made it appear to be. There is no cover up -- classes such as Introduction to Women's Studies (GS121) are available along with any number of women's studies courses. These classes provide an equal opportunity for any one who wishes to make a statement either pro or con. In many cases, more than one class period covers the issue of abortion.

Abortion is a complex and emotional issue affecting the 19 million mothers and fathers of the unwanted children, not to mention the 19 million children that somehow would have to be provided for! We have to start at the root of these problems -- how to prevent these unwanted

One reason why the SGA has trouble acting is because of the red tape they must go through. JConstraints need to be lifted so that a responsible group of SGA members can do their work.

The SGA is set up to be the voice of students on any and all issues. There are problems that concern all of us that the SGA should address.

The English Exit Exam puts many students into a frenzy. Is it a biased test? Does it prove anything? Does it benefit the student? Is it really that nerve-racking? What can be done about the test?

How about the parking situation at school which is a self-explanatory issue? Should some classes be scheduled in buildings other than the Gyte or Lawshe buildings to help alleviate the parking problems?

The image of babies being "torn up like so much garbage" is misleading. An eight week old fetus is not viable outside of the womb. IT IS NOT A BABY! It has the potential to be human, but at such an early stage it is not. Is a pre-law student a lawyer? I hate to resort to such a banal analogy, but I cannot compare it in any less technical terms.

Right-wing religious extremists want to impose their hysterical will on women and outlaw abortion. I hope people are not so blind as to believe that outlawing abortion will be the end of their zealotry because it will not. The right to choose is a fundamental right that is an offshoot of every freedom we enjoy. If this right is taken away, everyone, not just women, should be on guard. "Future Shock" might not be that far-fetched!

Natalie A. Gaza

pregnancies and more and better sex education at the grade school level, starting with abstinence and including birth control methods.

Mothers need assistance with caring for these children. Welfare, A.D.C. and similar programs provide some assistance, but they do not make it easy to work for a better life or to provide more than the basic necessities. Will we as taxpayers take on more responsibility to provide for these children? The fathers must be made to assume the responsibility for the well-being of the child, both financially and emotionally.

When we start to concern ourselves with these issues, abortion will not be necessary in the future.

Jackie Larson

The ever-rising cost of tuition is putting some of us in the poor house. Will it ever stay the same from spring to fall?

What about some issues that don't directly affect students. For instance, there is a student representative to the Purdue Board of Trustees who is not able to represent students at all campuses.

Although this student can be selected from any campus, he/she is usually from the West Lafayette campus. Each regional campus should have a student representative to the Board so students can have direct representation on issues such as tuition increase.

The drop-off in enrollment of minorities is another problem. What can be done and who should respond to the issues of minority enrollment?

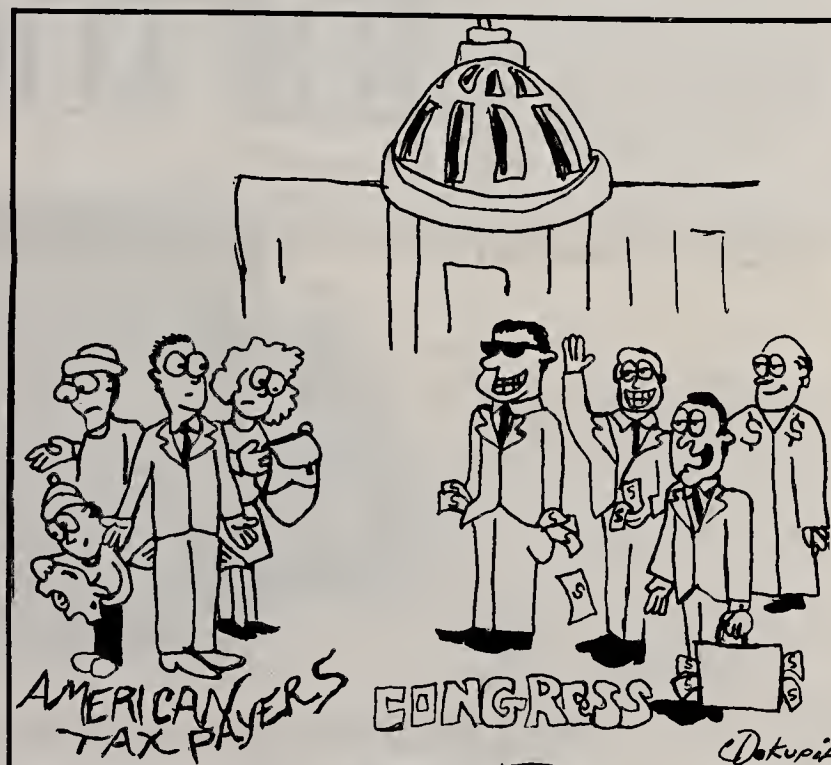
Book prices, which are unusually high, dig deep into a student's pocket. Can the SGA do anything about lowering these prices or come up with alternatives to buying books at the bookstore?

This editorial is not a slap at the SGA for their job to date. It is a list of issues that affect students, and the SGA functions to address these issues. Although we have not addressed all the issues affecting students, the issues we have brought up are the ones students have a grievance with.

Editorial Board

Dave Fanno
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Correction

Correction to Jan. 27 Reader's View concerning abortion:

Recently a man was convicted of murder because he shot a woman, killing only her baby. And yet an abortionist can get away with murder because our society says,

"Throw it away...we don't want it." The Nazis didn't want anyone who wasn't to their liking either.

Margaret Mankowski

Editorial board expanded

To be objective and fair, the *Purdue Chronicle* Editorial Board has expanded from four to seven members. Editorial Board members include Dave Fanno, Linda Reynolds, Joe Rodriguez, Erika

Madison, Sherri Pietrzak and Andy Wright. The *Chronicle* will continue to follow Publications Guidelines on voting procedures until changes are approved by the Student Publications Committee.

OPINIONS

Two boards complicate Gary airport issue

by Gary Wilson

Gary Regional Airport is one of four sites competing for major airport status. The other three communities are Cedar Lake, Peotone and Kankakee. According to the *Post Tribune*, of the four communities, Gary has a slight edge in regards to passenger demand, access to the airport and cost and economic projection, which translate into in-coming dollars. Another advantage is that Gary is closer to Chicago than the other three sites.

According to Consultant Peat Marwick Main & Co. of San Francisco, a Gary site will create 122,000 jobs and bring \$1.6 billion of revenue into the Lake County area. Understandably, such a large undertaking will take time — consultants predict the year 2020.

Because of such a long time span between the start and completion of the Gary project, it is conceivable that airlines will not want to commit themselves to the Gary facility. And, the airlines that do decide to come to Lake County will not be coming on a "mission of mercy," — it is a safe bet that if they do not make a significant profit, they will pack up and leave as quickly as they came. That applies to Allegheny Commuter Airlines, the airline Mayor Barnes is currently negotiating with for air service from Gary to Indianapolis.

Still, the selection of the Gary facility hinges on a number of factors. One such factor is dissension among the committees and boards who are responsible for making decisions and awarding contracts. Local in-house bickering and political posturing will only slow airport development. For example, the Gary Regional Airport has two airport boards — the Hatcher appointed board and the Barnes appointed board — that hampers any further progress on the airport.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago will make a ruling as to which of the two boards will conduct airport

business. A member of the Hatcher board said it could take years to get a resolution. And in the mean time, the confusion surrounding the airport boards continues.

Vendors wanting to provide services to the struggling airport may decide to wait or walk away. And who could blame them? If the decision makers at the Gary facility continue to flounder in this stew of confusion, they risk losing some of their support for the expansion project, is a bit hesitant about funneling \$9.6 billion into Gary. That is the amount Mayor Barnes wants. What airline can afford to fly commuter flights from the Gary airport without some kind of monetary guarantee?

According to the *Gary Crusader*, Dr. A. William Douglass, Airport Executive Director and a Hatcher appointee, is resigning, leaving the airport without a director at a crucial stage of the expansion project. Dr. Douglass said, "I think that the administration is looking to others for leadership and I think they should have a free reign to look for others."

"This has been my most difficult year and probably my most stressful...I am hopeful that the two board situation will be resolved so that my predecessors will only have to deal with airport matters." In response to Dr. Douglass resignation, the *Post Tribune* quoted Deputy Mayor Richard Comer as saying, "He made a decision in his best and in our best interest."

Airport Board President was not satisfied with Dr. Douglass' work as director of daily operations at the airport. An acting director will replace Dr. Douglass until a permanent director can be found.

Dr. Douglass' resignation compounds an already bad situation. The expansion project will lose a man with over twenty years of airport management experience. Who will take his place? Dr. Douglass is a well-respected professional in his field of work. How will his resignation effect

efforts to bring Allegheny Airlines to Gary, an airport without a director? What do the politicians in Indianapolis, who Mayor Barnes is looking to to bankroll the development efforts, think about this episode of "who's the boss?"

The riddle of which is the real board? will not be settled in this column, that is not the intent. But, really they, the two airport boards, the mayor and all concerned parties, should get their act together before they blow it.

Right-to-Life movement blurs abortion dispute

by Dave Turpin

The charge made by the "Right to Life" movement that abortion is murder relies on the premise that the fetus is a human person. Only a person can be said to have an inherent right to life and therefore, only a person can, properly speaking, be murdered. If I kill my cat for leaving fur balls on the rug, you would probably think I am cruel, but you would not use the word murder to describe my action.

Spokespeople for the "Right to Life" movement often try to fudge the argument by saying that abortion destroys human life. Since the human fetus is genetically *Homo sapiens*, this is technically correct. The fetus is part of the human life cycle. This does not mean, however, that it is a person.

Of the 2 million or so eggs which a human female is born with, only about 400 will ever be released from the ovaries, usually at the rate of one a month. The egg, which is surely a form of human life, dies within about twelve hours of its release unless it is fertilized. The unfertilized egg is just as much alive, and just as human, as the fertilized egg, but it is not a person.

In fact this kind of fudging characterizes most of the arguments put forward by the "Right to Life" people. For example, we are told that the fetus moves. More than 200 years ago, the Italian scientist Galvani showed that a dead frog moves if an electric current is passed through it.

It is not surprising that the "Right to Life" people fudge the scientific evidence since their position is actually based on religious authority. From their point of view, science is valuable only in so far as it can be taken to confirm what they already believe.

What the scientific evidence actually shows is that early human development is not fundamentally different from early mammalian development in general. This does not mean that there is a continuum between purely biological phenomena and that specifically human. The question is where to draw the line.

The 19th century philosopher Hegel wrote, "When we want to see an oak with all its vigor of trunk, its spreading branches, and the mass of foliage, we are not satisfied to be shown an acorn instead." When we want to be shown a human person, we are not satisfied to be shown a fetus.

Human ecologist Dr. Garrit Hardin said, "An acorn is not an oak tree, an egg is not a hen, a human fetus is not a human being or person. Smashing acorns is not deforestation; scrambling eggs is not gallicide." And abortion is not murder.

Of course it would be a mistake to expect science to discover a litmus test for personhood. The essential point about persons is that they express themselves. A person declares or communicates its personhood to other persons. Only a person

can recognize another person. This mutual recognition is the only true test of personhood.

As the "Right to Life" people themselves insist, we must take their word for it that there is a "silent scream" because the fetus cannot speak for itself. The scientific evidence does indeed show that the fetus is incapable of self-consciousness or self-expression.

The self-expression of a newborn infant may be so unformed that only a mother or father can recognize and respond to it, but that, not conception, is the true beginning of human personality.

Of course we do not always recognize the humanity of others. Many children are neglected or abused. The Nazis denied the humanity of Jewish people, and in this country the humanity of Indians and black people has been denied. Throughout recorded history women have had to fight for recognition of their full humanity.

Because all of us have experienced being treated like something less than a human person in one way or another, even these extreme cases are not beyond comprehension. We all resist dehumanization by declaring our humanity to the world and demanding that others recognize it.

What is really at stake in the abortion issue is a woman's right to freely develop and express her own personality. All animal females, including the higher primates, are subject to a mode of reproduction determined by laws of blind evolution. The life of an animal female is restricted to little else than the bearing of offspring. On this purely biological level, the only criteria is the survival of the species. The development of personality is a uniquely human concern.

Humans alone, of all species, learn progressively to create and control their own conditions of life. Among our most important accomplishments in this direction is our ability to consciously control our own reproductive processes. The techniques of birth control, with abortion as a back-up, are a uniquely human acquisition.

Until the development of these techniques, the only choices a woman had was to restrict her life to child bearing or give up sex. Either way, women were forced to give up something which men take for granted as essential to the free development and expression of their personalities.

Faced with such choices, many women have been forced to make desperate decisions. Official statistics show that during the 60's, when abortion was illegal, thousands of women were maimed, and hundreds died each year as a result of botched abortions.

In order to gain control of their own lives, women must be able to control their own bodies. When the "Right to Life" people ask us how we can justify abortion, we should respond by asking how they can justify compulsory pregnancy.

Solution exists to English Exit Exam

by Sherri Pietrzak

Ever since the Council of Faculty Delegates instituted the English Exit Exam as a graduate requirement at Purdue University Calumet, controversy has surrounded it especially since PUC is the only university in the Region that has such an exam.

Charges have been made that it unfairly discriminates against minorities, has a fixed failure rate, does not accurately measure a student's writing skills and has no set appeal process.

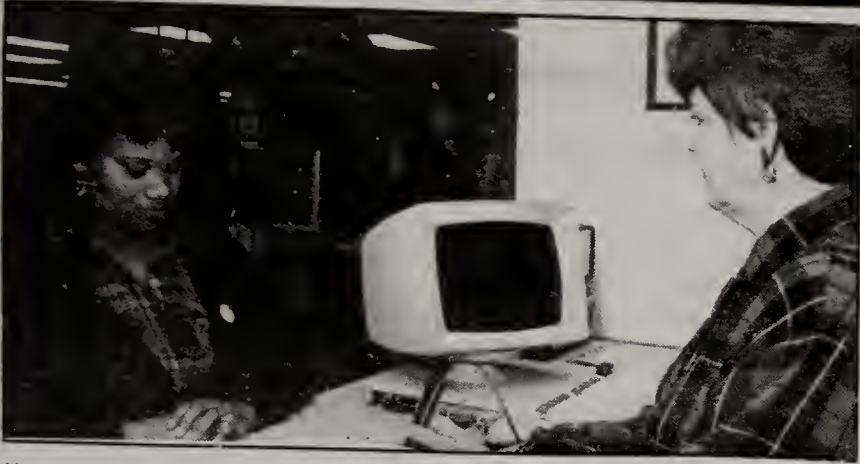
Because many area high school students, and especially minorities, are not adequately prepared for college, the Exit Exam has a built in advantage for those students, particularly whites, who graduated from high schools that better prepared them for college.

Charges have been made that the Exit Exam has a fixed failure rate of around 20 percent meaning that at least one-fifth of the students taking the test must fail. Does this mean that some students actually passed the test but were failed to keep the 20 percent figure?

Because students must pass the Exit Exam not only to pass their class but also to graduate, too much stress is attached to the Exit Exam. Because of this stress, students who might otherwise pass a test measuring writing skills fail the Exit Exam. In the outside world not too many people have to write a paper in two hours on an unknown topic. Perhaps most importantly, the Exit Exam has no set appeal process. Instructors are supposed to automatically appeal for a student who has an A on two in-class compositions and one out of class composition, but part-time faculty do not always do this, and the student has no way of knowing whether his failure was appealed or not.

One solution to the problems surrounding the Exit Exam is to set up a program of individualized writing instruction for students who fail. The students completing this program would not have to take the exam again because the program would ensure that they had adequate writing skills.

By doing this, the University would guarantee that all students graduated with basic writing skills and undue stress would be eliminated from the English Exit Exam, making it fair for all students.



Karen Corey, associate professor of library science uses PUC's new computerized circulation system to check out Chandra A. Salter's book. The system is the first of its kind among Purdue campuses. Photo courtesy of Joe Swisher from the PUC Media Services and Public Information Department.

Library computerized

(written by Eunice Madison, a student intern in the Office of Media Services and Public Information)

Bernard H. Holicky, director of Library Services at Purdue University Calumet, has a few overdue books on his desk, but he's not trying to set a bad example.

He's simply monitoring the efficiency of the university's new online, computerized circulation system. And if the stack of computer-generated overdue notices resting atop Holicky's books are any indication, the system seems to be doing its job.

In full operation since October, the system is the first of its kind among Purdue campuses.

According to Holicky, after approval for

computerized circulation was granted in 1983, it took six years of work to make the idea a reality. A computer record had to be created for each of the library's 200,000 volumes.

"Each volume," Holicky said, "had to be hand-carried to the terminal to be bar-coded and light-penned. Thus far, 98 percent of our books and one-third of our bound journals have been coded."

"I hope to give better service to the users, to tell what's out more easily and more quickly," Holicky said about the efficiency of the new system.

'Beaches,' life on the beach with some videos thrown in

by Jimmy Downes

BEACHES

Directed by: Gary Marshal
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If you like Bette Midler, I mean really like Bette Midler, then *Beaches* is the movie for you. *Beaches* is a veritable Bette

Midler-thon with good acting, good story, and plenty of musical numbers by the "Divine Miss M." thrown in for good measure.

Beaches is the story of the friendship between ham singer/actress C.C. Bloom, (Midler), and filthy rich Winnie, (Barbara Hershey). The two meet as children on the beach at Atlantic City's famous Boardwalk. The film covers the ups and downs

of these two opposites throughout their lives.

Indeed this film did have its ups and downs. Midler, as usual, was given the somewhat vulgar comedic lines which she delivers well. She had me laughing hard enough that I couldn't catch my breath at times. Even though this is what I expected, I got a little more. Bette does some fine dramatic work as well, which led me to

believe in her character instead of seeing a one-dimensional clown.

I recommend *Beaches*. Even though it can be a little slow at times and over showcase Midler's singing talents, it is a good film. Not that many movies can make me laugh one moment and cry the next. Give it a try, and if you don't like Bette's music, go buy some ju-ju beads during those parts of the film.

Valentine's Day tradition originated from Romans

by Natalie Chick

By the nature of Valentines Day, one would think that it was another Hallmark holiday like Secretary's Day or Bosses' Day. Actually the holiday has its roots leading all the way back to the days of the Roman Empire. Of course, at that time Hallmark didn't exist and neither did Saint

Valentine.

The holiday gets its origin from the old Roman holiday, Lupercia. The object was for men and women to put their names in a box, like a lottery, and who ever's name was drawn would be the drawee's sweetheart for a year.

The Roman tradition carried over through the generations and throughout

Europe, England and Scotland where the tradition changed slightly. It was believed that during the middle of February the birds chose their mates for the year. This natural tradition of the animals generated a different meaning to the Roman's Lupercia.

The custom was to kiss the "first met," and he or she would become valentine for the rest of the year. The church decided to change the pagan celebration, as it traditionally does with folk holidays, into a more Christian observance, hence the name Saint Valentine.

Saint Valentine, a martyr who was

clubbed and beheaded on February 14, would be surprised to learn he's now the patron saint of lovers. Doesn't that sort of take the romance out of it?

The church decided that the proper celebration would be to choose a saint for a year, rather than a sweetheart, and the drawee would model his life after that saint for the rest of the year. It didn't take long for the old custom of drawing names to re-occur.

Nowadays, people no longer give valentines to strangers, except perhaps those who are on the shy side.

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Lady Lakers record drops

by Angelo Besbekos

Without two starters, Barb Myers and Gina Flaharty, the Lady Lakers lost to Rosary College 72-55. The loss dropped Purdue University Calumet's record to 9-8.

Lynn Hevezi led PUC with 21 points. Kim Ailes led PUC in rebounding with ten.

Coach Stacey Karpinec said, "The turning point of the game was when we came off at the start of the game with three good possessions, but couldn't get the ball to fall in. We took good shots, but I could see lapses. We got nervous and worried about it."

At the start of the game, the Lady

Lakers were trailing 7-0 as Rosary built a 29-6 lead.

With the score 31-8 Hevezi's back-to-back three pointers cut the lead to 31-14.

At 34-14 PUC went on a 12-2 run reducing the margin 36-26. Hevezi connected with a three pointer followed by a basket by Rosary making the half-time score 38-29.

The Lady Lakers opened the second half sluggish trailing 47-33. "I'm always concerned about them because they haven't gotten any better, we're always playing at the same rate," said Karpinec.

At the 9:35 mark Rosary scored on a fast break increasing the margin to 58-38. PUC never turned the game around.

Purdue University Calumet 1989 Women's Basketball Schedule

Feb. 11 (Sat.)	Taylor University	H	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 14 (Tues.)	College of St. Francis*	H	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16 (Thurs.)	Mundelein College*	T	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18 (Sat.)	University of Wisconsin/Parkside	H	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Tues.)	Olivet Nazarene College*	H	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 23 (Thurs.)	St. Mary's College	H	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 25 (Sat.)	University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee	T	5:00 p.m.

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Purdue University Calumet 1989 Men's Basketball Schedule

Feb. 11 (Sat.)	Northeastern Illinois*	H	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15 (Wed.)	Roosevelt*	T	TBA
Feb. 18 (Sat.)	Illinois Institute of Technology*	H	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Tues.)	St. Francis*	T	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24 (Fri.)	Rosary*	T	TBA
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Lukoshus interviews T-zak

by Kerry Mitchell

The local entrant in the Chicago Bears Quarterback Derby is confident he will be ready to fight for the top job when training camp opens in July.

Mike Tomczak, who prepped at T.F. North High School, recently had surgery on his left shoulder that was deemed successful by his doctor.

Tomczak told Purdue Calumet Sports Insight hosts John Friend and Wes Lukoshus on their January 27th show that he fully expects to be recovered and in the hunt for the wide open job of Bears Quarterback.

"I'm going to bust my rear-end through the off-season," Tomczak said.

One thing Tomczak felt he had going for him in his battle for the top spot was the fact that he came in as a free agent out of Ohio State. He has had to work hard to come this far and he is not about to slack off now.

"There will be a million kids lined up from here to Miami to take my job," Tomczak said.

Tomczak said he tries to take the entire media blitz surrounding the Bears in strides. He said it is difficult for an athlete to perform without his priorities on straight.

"The reporters have a job to do. If they (the Press) do a good job and are fair, then the players have no gripe," Tomczak said.

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